

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

A video signal-processing device according to the invention that can improve the apparent contrast of the luminance signal at a television receiving set. The video signal processing device comprises includes a quantity of black expansion computing section [[(13)]] for computationally determining the quantity of black expansion when the luminance component of the input video signal is not higher than a first luminance level, a gain controller [[(15)]] for regulating the quantity of black expansion as computationally determined by the quantity of black expansion computing section [[(13)]], a quantity of black expansion adding section [[(16)]] for generating an output video signal by adding the quantity of black expansion regulated by the gain controller [[(15)]] to the luminance component of the input video signal, and a vertical span adding block [[(29)]] for integrating the luminance component of the output video signal not higher than a second luminance level for a field. The gain controller [[(15)]] regulates the quantity of black expansion according to the luminance component integrated by the vertical span adding block [[(29)]] to improve the apparent contrast of the luminance signal at the television receiving set by accurately expanding black.